



WORCESTER S T A T E UNIVERSITY

Finding Aid for the Worcester State University Apprenticeship Materials

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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Call Number	WSU.0009
Repository	Worcester State University Archives (Worcester, MA)
Location	Learning Resource Center, L-328A
Title	Worcester State University Apprenticeship Materials
Date Range	1875-1904
Extent	1 linear foot (2 boxes)
Creator	Students enrolled in the State Normal School at Worcester, (now Worcester State University).
Language(s)	English
Abstract	Descriptions of coursework, lectures, campus and town life, and classroom observations compiled by students and faculty as part of the school's apprenticeship program that placed Normal School students in public school classrooms in the city of Worcester.

ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

Physical access	Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading Room (L-328A). Materials are fragile and must be handled with care. Users must handle materials carefully with clean hands.
Copyright and ownership	Researchers are responsible to obtain appropriate permissions before republishing materials under copyright.
Citation format	[Title/Year] Worcester State University Apprenticeship Materials. Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University Library, Worcester State University.

ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

Accession Number	Acc.Pre.2015.0055
Provenance	Materials were deposited by person(s) unknown prior to 2015.
Processing information	Collection processed in 2017 by Ross Griffiths, Archivist. Items were placed into acid-free containers and organized into series.
Biographical and historical information	Diaries appear to have been compiled by groups of students and faculty as part of the State Normal School's Apprenticeship program. The history of these documents is unclear, so this may not represent an exhaustive collection of all such diaries created at the institution.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Each diary volume contains entries by a variety of different students, often concluding with their initials. Some entries indicate these books were passed around by students who wrote entries and also read the entries written by others. The first diary (1875) may have belonged to Rebecca Jones, Director of the Apprenticeship program. Entries are added idiosyncratically with many weeks sometimes elapsing between. Entries detail coursework, topics of lectures, details about field trips, and other academic endeavors as well as recreational activities, observations of weather, reflections on campus life, and copies of favorite poems or prose by notable authors. Some entries detail historical events including an account of Worcester's 1876 Centennial 4th of July parade observed by students from the hilltop campus. Along with the initials of student contributors, these books include the names of faculty and guest lecturers and describe their itineraries. As a whole, the materials present both specific details of teaching and learning as well as a nuanced sense of campus life during Worcester State's first decades.

ARRANGEMENT

The collection is arranged in two series.

SERIES I

Diaries, 1875-1904

Includes seven volumes dating from 1875-1904. 1890s volumes are absent. The 1875 volume may have belonged to Rebecca Jones, Director of the Apprenticeship Program.

SERIES II

Related Materials, 1875-1900

Includes records of the Apprenticeship program, Child Study records made by students from 1902-1903, and scrapbook of student Louise Maria Bray (graduated 1893) with a note indicating its reflection of Frederick Froebel's teaching methodology.

ACCESS POINTS

Terms correspond to Library of Congress subject terms.

Organizations

Worcester Normal School (Worcester, Mass)
Worcester State College
Worcester State Teachers College
Worcester State University

Places

Worcester (Mass)

General

Massachusetts State College System
Normal Schools
Teachers Colleges—Massachusetts—History

RELATED MATERIALS

Call number	Title
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WSU.0001 Worcester State University Course Catalogs
WSU.0005 Worcester State University Commencement Materials

DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY

SERIES I	Apprentice Diaries, 1875-1904
Box/fldr	Title
1.1	Diary, 1875
1.2	Diary, 1876 [v. 1]
1.3	Diary, 1876 [v.2]
1.4	Diary, 1877
1.5	Diary, 1878
1.6	Diary, 1880
2.1	Diary, 1903-1904
SERIES II	Related Materials, 1875-1900
Box/fldr	Title
2.2	Apprentice program records, 1875-1889
2.3	Child Study records, 1902-1903
2.4	Scrapbook, Louisa Marie Bray, c. 1893

